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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Amendment

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on November 1, 2007 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

2. The amendment to the claims filed on November 8, 2007 does not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c) because the claims are not properly labeled according to their status. Specifically, several of the claims, including at least claims 1, 20 and 23, appear to have been currently amended, yet have been labeled "previously presented". Amendments to the claims filed on or after July 30, 2003 must comply with 37 CFR 1.121(c).

3. Since the reply filed on November 1, 2007, and November 8, 2007 appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to submit an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cristina Owen Sherr whose telephone number is 571-

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272-6711. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00 Monday through Friday.

5. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew J. Fischer can be reached on 571-272-6779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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